

Special points of interest:

- Runway 5/23 is OPEN
- EWB Snow Team is prepared & ready to go!
- We're working to improve communication with all based aircraft owners/pilots. To join our email list, see contact info on the 3rd page.
- All individuals inside the airport fence/working in a building with access to the airfield must have a CURRENT airport ID badge. If your badge is expired, please contact airport administration to get a new one ASAP!

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Runway 5/23 is OPEN & it is Fantastic!

On Thursday, October 16th Runway 5/23 officially opened following a complete reconstruction. At around 6pm, a regularly scheduled Cape Air flight, N4652N made the first landing on Runway 23.

The new & improved all-weather runway is 5400' in length, 150' wide and continues to be served by an Instrument Landing System (ILS) approach on the Runway 5 end. The Runway 23 end is served by the only Localizer Back-Course type approach on the East Coast of the United States!

The project added a distinct crown to the runway as well as grooves, which do wonders with shedding water from the runway surface. Drainage-inducing grading around the runway and the installation of vegetated swales along the runway have vastly improved the entire airfield.

Photo by SPECTRUM PHOTO/Fran Grenon



Grand Opening of Runway 5/23 Celebration

On Friday, October 17th we celebrated the opening of Runway 5/23 with local elected officials, airport business owners and everyone involved with the completion of our new runway. The event marked much more than just the completion of the new runway though... The event truly marked the completion of a 5-year, \$30 million program of projects started in 2010 with the aim of enhancing the EWB

infrastructure and improving the safety areas.

The event was well-attended and the speaking panel was very insightful. New Bedford Mayor Jon Mitchell opened the event and stressed his support for the airport as a real asset for the City of New Bedford.

Additionally, comments were made by US Congressman Bill Keating, FAA New England

Regional Administrator Amy Corbett, MassDOT Administrator Chris Willenborg and Cape Air Founder Dan Wolf. All of the speakers made encouraging remarks about the future of aviation and their excitement for the New Bedford Regional Airport! Be sure to check out the highlights of the event on the last page of this newsletter!

Environmentally Working Better at EWB Update!

Our entire airport team feels very strongly about buying into our motto of “Environmentally Working Better”. During the 5-year program of projects we have just completed there were a number of environmental improvements. Pictured below is a “check dam” which helps



with the flow of water in the drainage ditches around the Runway 5 safety area.

One of the other things that we have been working on is a more effective “Mowing Plan”. The idea is that the mowing plan will allow us to keep the grounds in better condition. Rather than having invasive species taking over we are able to keep vegetation under control and compatible with aeronautical use.



Pictured above is “Outfield 11” the area along taxiway Alpha. This area has been overgrown for some time, creating cover for wildlife; with proper cutting we are able to better manage this area and others like it.



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Serving New Bedford as the **BEST** way into the city to do business!

Just a small sampling of the corporate jet traffic we’ve seen since our last quarterly update!



New Bedford Based Pilot in the News!

Michael Knabbe, a regular of EWB for many years was recently featured in the Standard Times newspaper. The article highlighted his unique generosity that he shows off all year, but especially during the holiday season!

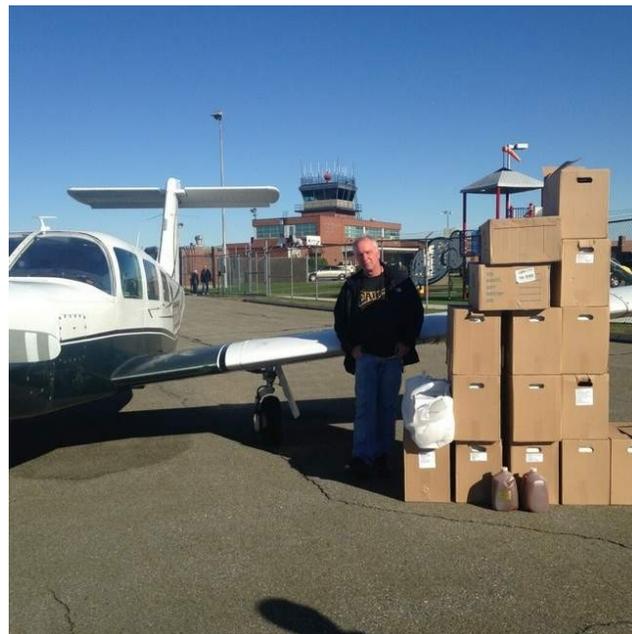
In the spirit of giving thanks during the weeks leading up to the Thanksgiving Day holiday, Mike flies out to New York on his annual "pie run". With a group of other aviators Mike returns to EWB each year with a pile of pies! This year he returned with 180 pies.

Mike hands out pies to family members, friends and even strangers! In the true spirit of being thankful Mike enjoys helping others feel good during the holidays.

This kind of thing is a perfect example of a model-airport citizen.

One of the key reasons why we wanted to include this story was because it shows how general aviation impacts people on a daily basis. All of the recipients of these pies enjoyed their holiday a little more because of a kind general aviation pilot!

Photo Credit: Standard Times



Hangar 7 is Completed & Planes are Moving In!

The construction of Hangar 7 was completed since our last update! The new tan-colored t-hangars positioned along the Southwest side of



Taxiway Bravo complete with new paved ramp is the first NEW development on the airfield in MANY years! This private construction is a great addition to our airfield and the new hangar provides shelter from the elements for 10 aircraft!

One of these aircraft is N52384, a Cessna 172, pictured left with its new owner, Patricia Tod. Patricia learned to fly in her twenties and has been out of flying for a little while. Recently, she became one of the "rusty pilots" (out of flying) who

shook off the rust and got back into flying. Finding such enjoyment getting back into aviation, Patricia went so far as to actually buy an airplane!

These new hangars are helping us stimulate the airport by bringing in new aircraft and bringing back pilots who haven't flown in a while. This is exactly what on-airport development can do for our airport-wide community!

Calling all Content!

If you have any stories, pictures, etc... that you think would be good for inclusion in our next Quarterly Briefing, please send them to Matt (matthew.elia@newbedford-ma.gov).

We are always looking for a variety of content from anyone that is part of the New Bedford Regional Airport community!



Check us out on social media!

You do NOT need to be a "member" of these websites to see our content online, so please check them out! As we move into winter we will be using social media to provide better real-time field condition reports too!

Congratulations Kayla!

Since September we've been lucky enough to have a great airport intern. Our intern, Kayla is a senior at Dartmouth High School and has been a great asset to the airport for a few hours every week.

The goal of the internship was for Kayla to gain some experience in a field of interest. Back on her first day, Kayla admitted that she was surprised that her first field of interest, "aviation" worked out... Lucky for us it did! Over the past few months she has spent time helping us update important policy documents, complete field check inspections and has even gotten a chance to spend some time with the maintenance staff learning about our equipment.

Kayla just recently received some very exciting news as well... She has been accepted to Bridgewater State University, where she plans to study, wait for it... AVIATION! Everyone on the EWB

team is very excited for her and we know she'll do great conquering the skies!

Sometimes sounding a little apprehensive on the aviation radio, this confident young lady has a bright future. Kayla is also a very talented & accomplished musician. As a member of the World Champion (yes you read that correctly!) Dartmouth High School indoor percussion band, Kayla is a skilled vibraphonist.



Flashback!



A special thank you goes to Greg Cormier, the Cape Air station manager here at EWB for sharing some classic EWB pictures! Our airport has a bright future, but also a rich history!

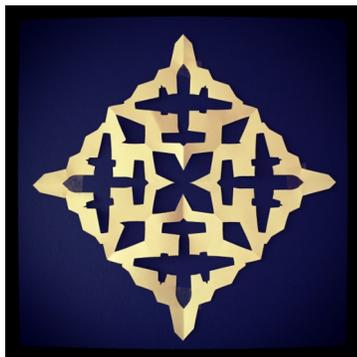
Above is a Northeast Airlines DC-9 departing from EWB. Below, an old PBA aircraft!



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas...

After the Thanksgiving holiday our airport quickly switched into Christmas mode!

First it was Joan's decorations in the Airport Administration office



Cape Air Cessna 402 Snow Flake!

which as they usually do, led the way into the holiday season. Greg and the team at Cape Air have truly gone above & beyond turning their counter area into a winter wonderland, complete with the best paper snow flakes We've ever seen! Last but not least is Betty's Tree, which is beautifully decorated!

We even used the tree to serve as the backdrop to our "Santa Claus is Coming to EWB" television show that we recorded with the help of New Bedford cable access television! Matt got his Santa hat out for the filming and we were able to get the camera man up in an airplane for a quick flight



around the city to get some aerial footage too! The show aired with much success during the weeks leading up to Christmas!

What We've Been Up To...

Since our last quarterly update, we've been up to quite a bit in (and out) of the airport administration office.

We worked with the New Bedford Fire Department, providing driver training and airfield orientations to all of the fire fighters at Stations 7 & 9. These are the first responders for emergencies at EWB.

Recently, we completed driver training for the entire airport staff and following a meeting with the three FBO's, we will be starting to get all line personnel driver trained too. We view this as something that can only serve to increase the level of safety at the airfield.

We are in the process of reviewing the badges for everyone here at EWB (pilots, employees, consultants, etc...). If your badge is expired, please contact us for a new one!

During October we attended the Massachusetts Airport Management Association (MAMA) conference to learn about exciting new industry trends to keep EWB on the cutting edge. We have continued to consistently explore our budget and find new ways to be more profitable, one of which is Veoci, which we learned about at the MAMA conference. We are very excited about incorporating Veoci here at EWB, an Information Management System that will allow us to be more effective and efficient.

Presently, we are working on building a business plan for the airport. We aim to layout a game plan for how we can improve our airport moving forward. If you would like to contribute to our effort, we are looking for a simple SWOT analysis for the airport as a whole. Simply email Matt (matthew.elia@newbedford-ma.gov) with the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities & Threats you see here at EWB.

The business plan will be provided to developers, stakeholders and elected officials as a way to illustrate what we are about here at EWB and how we are going to move forward successfully!

During December we welcomed Acting Secretary of Transportation Frank DePaola & MassDOT Aeronautics Administrator Chris Willenborg for an airfield tour and a briefing on future projects. Next year we will begin another big capital improvement project. Not quite as big as reconstructing Runway 5/23, but still pretty impressive... We will be beginning the effort to reconstruct Taxiway Alpha. The entire project will take 4 months and during that time we will work with the based pilots, FBO's and control tower to ensure the smoothest operations possible. The best case scenario is for the project to begin in August next year!

Lastly, Happy holidays! -Erick & Matt

Bridge Program!

In a cool story that links two of our airport tenants, Bridgewater State University joined a Gateway Program with Cape Air & JetBlue!

This is a very exciting opportunity for BSU aviation students! Following acceptance into the program, students will complete their training then fly as a flight instructor for BSU. After completing a certain amount of "flight instruction given" hours, the pilots will fly for Cape Air before having an interview to fly with JetBlue!



Digital NOTAM's

Recently we adopted use of the Digital NOTAM Manager. This allows us to more easily issue, cancel and manage NOTAMs. Airfield users will have the option to receive email notification of NOTAM's as well!



Jeff DeMello uses the Digital Manager on an iPad to cancel a sign-outage NOTAM... For those who don't know, on 10/22/14 Jeff celebrated 30 years of service here at EWB! Thank you for all the hard work Jeff!

Bring it Winter! We're Ready...



Our big project this past summer has brought some changes to the airfield; a longer primary runway, the elimination of Taxiway Delta and additional in-pavement lights. As a result we have updated our Snow & Ice Control Plan.

We are excited about rolling out the new plan this winter as we believe it will allow us to more rapidly re-

spond to weather events. We aim to keep the airport functional throughout the winter and believe this plan will allow us to do just that. The plan will follow the SEE method. The pillars of which include Safety, Effectiveness & Efficiency. Safety first, reducing "down" time for infrastructure & remaining efficient with our work are our goals!



Congressman Bill Keating speaking on the importance of airports & aviation at our event!



Dan Wolf, Owner/Founder of Cape Air & Massachusetts State Senator speaking, with his aircraft as the backdrop!



Dan Wolf provided the symbolic departure immediately following Mayor Mitchell cutting the ribbon (below, right) signifying the new era of modern infrastructure here at EWB! Just prior to this, Mayor Mitchell & Massachusetts Representative Straus discussed the value of aviation for the south coast region (below, left). Note the shadow in the picture above, right on the centerline, good piloting skills right there...



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